

Print Name

_____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Birthplace _____ Birth Date _____

If married, give full name of spouse _____

How long have you lived in this community? _____

Where did you live before? _____

Names and ages of your children: _____

Baptism is required for membership. Have you been baptized? _____

If so, when and where? _____

If not, please contact a member of the pastoral staff regarding baptism.

Do you currently have membership in another church?* _____

Name of church _____

*Please inform the church you are a member at that you are becoming a member at Thornapple.

In what ministries would you like to serve at Thornapple?

Confession of Faith

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? _____

Do you believe the Bible to be God’s Word and the only perfect authority for faith, doctrine, and conduct? _____

Covenant of Membership

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the mission and purpose of Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church and desiring to unite in the worship, fellowship and witness of this church, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

- 1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH**
 - ... By acting in love toward other members
 - ... By refusing to gossip
 - ... By following the leaders

Romans 15:19, Romans 15:5, 1 Peter 1:22, Ephesians 4:29, Hebrews 13:17

- 2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**
 - ...By praying for its growth
 - ...By inviting the unchurched to attend
 - ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

1 Thessalonians 1:2, Luke 14:23, Romans 15:7

- 3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**
 - ...By using my gifts in the service of the church
 - ...By developing a servant’s heart

1 Peter 4:10, Philippians 2:3-4,7

- 4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH**
 - ...By attending faithfully
 - ...By endeavoring to grow in Christian maturity
 - ...By giving regularly

Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 1:28, 1 Corinthians 14:20, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Leviticus 27:30

- 5. I HAVE READ AND AFFIRM THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH’S SIX AFFIRMATIONS**
 - ...I affirm the centrality of the Word of God
 - ...I affirm the necessity of the new birth
 - ...I affirm a commitment to the whole mission of the Church

- ...I affirm the Church as a fellowship of believers
- ...I affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- ...I affirm the reality of freedom in Christ

Conclusion ...

The Evangelical Covenant Church is a pilgrim church. Until Christ comes, we worship, serve and witness so that the whole earth may hear God’s voice, learn of God’s love and experience God’s joy. If you want to learn more about the Evangelical Covenant Church, visit the Covenant website at covchurch.org.

Signature of agreement _____

Date _____

On the following lines, give a brief statement concerning your relationship to Jesus Christ. Tell us when your relationship with Christ began, what Christ means to you, and how He has changed your life.

Membership Application



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website: www.thornapple.org

The process, in order, to becoming a member:

1. Attend the, What is A Covenant Church? class (three sessions) - typically offered twice a year in the fall and late winter/early spring. This class offers you an introduction to our denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church (covchurch.org) and Thornapple Covenant Church (thornapple.org).
2. Baptism is required for membership. If you would like to join, but have not been baptized, please contact one of the pastoral staff to discuss and schedule baptism.
3. Complete a membership application, which you can download and print from our website at: www.thornapple.org/membership. Submit the completed application to Kimberly. In addition, please e-mail a photograph to Kimberly at kkorpak@thornapple.org (jpeg format), noting that you are a new member applicant. For couples, please send one photograph of both persons together.
4. Next an elder will contact you to set up a time for you to meet with a small group of elders and share your faith story.
5. After sharing your faith story, applications are presented for approval at the next regular scheduled elder meeting.
6. Finally, new members are acknowledged and welcomed during a Sunday morning worship service. You will be given the date for this service a few weeks in advance.

Dropbox/kimberly/membership
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Application received on _____

Received into membership on _____

*“You are a member of God’s very own family and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”
Ephesians 2:19*